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Order Anti-Castro Refugee Leader Banished from U.S.

MIAMI (AP)—Cuban exile leader Felipe Rivero was ordered banished from the United States today on grounds he headed a terrorist organization dedicated to violence against Fidel Castro's Communist regime.

Rivero indicated he would appeal the decision by U.S. Special Inquiry Officer Daniel Schrull. Rivero's attorneys immediately asked for his release on bail pending the appeal.

If his appeal, which could go all the way to U.S. Supreme Court, is unsuccessful, Rivero could be sent to a country of his choice, possibly Spain.

SCHRULL GAVE his ruling after an Immigration Service hearing that lasted for almost a week.

"The applicant has not established admissability to the country," Schrull said.

Rivero, pale from two months in jail showed no emotion. He has lived in the U.S. since 1959 as a refugee under parole, except for time he spent in Cuban prisons following the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion.

SCHRULL SAID parolees "although physically present in the United States" are officially still applicants for admission.

Rivero has been in jail since May 12, when the Immigration Service arrested him for belonging to an organization advocating violence.

Americans ransomed Rivero from Cuba for $100,000 after he was captured in the unsuccessful 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion.

Rivero's Cuban Nationalist Association has been linked with anti-Communist sabotage including firing a bazooka at the U.N. building in New York while Fidel Castro's now missing aide, Che Guevara, spoke there.

Immigration authorities said Rivero would not be sent to Cuba in any case. The 43-year-old former copper mine owner has indicated he would not mind going to Spain. He is of Spanish and Canadian descent.

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CUBAN EXILE LEADER FELIPE RIVERO, left, is accompanied by a U.S. Detention Officer in Miami, Fla., today after he was ordered excluded from the United States.

Rivero Testifies

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MIAMI — Cuban exile leader Felipe Rivero told a Federal Court hearing that he had made a gun-running trip to Cuba on Oct. 10. The testimony was aimed at proving Rivero was an illegal entrant to this country, since he had left and re-entered without permission, and hence eligible for bond.

Judge William O. Mehrtens ruled however, that Rivero had not exhausted his remedies before the U.S. Immigration Service. Rivero has been in jail since May 12 as a suspect in an alleged bomb plot against the Cuban exhibition at Montreal's Expo 67 fair. A bomb went off near the Cuban building Tuesday.

Rally Called Tonight News 5/20/67

Miami Cubans Protest Leader's Pending Ouster

MIAMI, May 20 (UPI) — Cuban exiles marked the 65th anniversary of Cuban independence today with growing protests against the threatened deportation of exile leader Felipe Rivero.

A scheduled independence commemoration at Miami's bayfront park tonight was expected to feature new demands for the release of the 43-year-old Bay of Pigs veteran.

Rivero, who was arrested by immigration authorities May 12, successfully avoided deportation this week by winning the right to a formal trial May 29.

His attorney, Gino Negretti, said the slender Cuban Nationalist Association leader is still on a hunger strike, which he began last Tuesday afternoon.

NO WATER

"He isn't even drinking any water," Mr. Negretti said, following Friday's hearing before immigration officials at which the trial date was set. "He's on a total fast."

But jail officials said yesterday his food trays were being returned empty and he appears in robust health.

Nineteen other Bay of Pigs veterans and a refugee woman sympathizer are also reported on a fast in support of Rivero, according to the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association.

Other sympathizers have put up posters around the "Little Havana" section of Miami voicing the demands for Rivero's immediate release.

Handbills distributed by members of the veterans association warned exiles that "today it is Revero who has been jailed and who may be deported from this country."

WOULD BE FIRST

If Rivero is ousted from the United States, he would be the first exile leader to suffer that fate. Presumably he would be allowed to go to an anti-communist country of his choice if that country would accept him.

"Everybody to the giant rally at Bayfront park," the handbill added. "But let us demonstrate that we are united and ready for war (against Fidel Castro)."

The charges against Rivero were made public yesterday. They comprised three counts pivoting around the assertion that Rivero's objective for remaining in this country is to "engage in activities which would be prejudicial to the public interest or endanger the welfare, safety or security of the United States."

Exile Pledges More Terrorism

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MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A militant Cuban exile organization served notice that it will continue anti-Castro terrorists activities despite restrictions imposed by U.S. authorities.

Felipe Rivero, head of the Cuban Nationalist Association, told a news conference he and 12 associates were ordered by U.S. immigration officials not to leave their home metropolitan areas.

"We are reorganizing the association, and we'll continue the fight," Rivero, a Bay of Pigs invasion veteran, declared.

Rivero said, "Terrorism, there is no other road left for us than that. Moscow will feel it. Our only objective is liberation of Cuba."

Rivero said he was not told the reason for travel restrictions but added, "Probably that firecracker we placed at the auction house in Montreal scared them."

Post 8/14/67

New Exile Group Forms in Miami

MIAMI, Aug 13 (AP)—The commander of the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, Jose Perez San Roman, has been named military leader of a new Cuban exile organization.

The body, called Civic Group, completed organization at a meeting last night. Speakers called for unity among exiles.

Named to the executive committee were Carlos Marquez Sterling of New York, a former Cuban presidential candidate; Jose Ignacio Rivero, who published Havana's oldest newspaper; Ernesto Freyre, an exile unity leader, and others.

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Bay of Pigs Vets Plan War Junta

MIAMI, FLA. (AP)—Veterans of the Bay of Pigs Cuban invasion brigade that set out seven years ago on their disastrous expedition announced plans Wednesday for creation of a war junta and another try at toppling Fidel Castro.

"We have set into motion a project to form a Cuban liberation army," said Salvador Madruga, newly elected president of the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association. "We are contacting exile organizations and asking them to help," he said. "With their help, the junta will be formed."

The Bay of Pigs invasion, mounted with U.S. help, cost 81 lives and reportedly $45 million. It took an additional $53 million to ransom the prisoners.